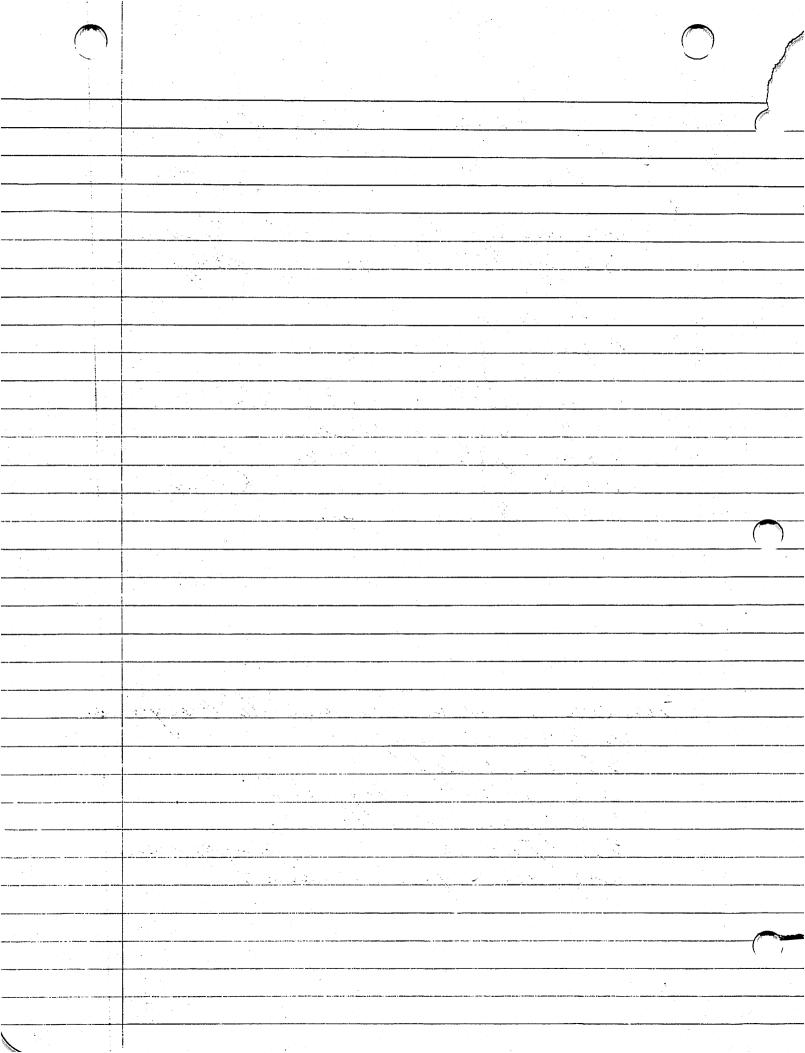
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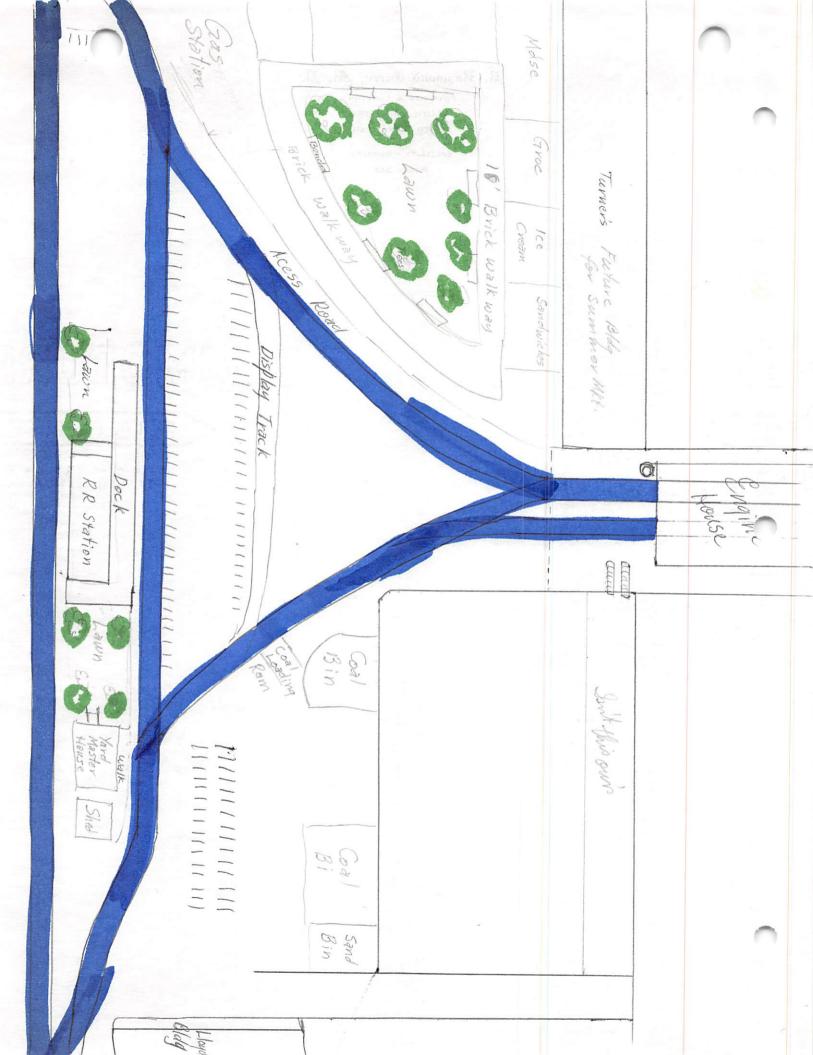
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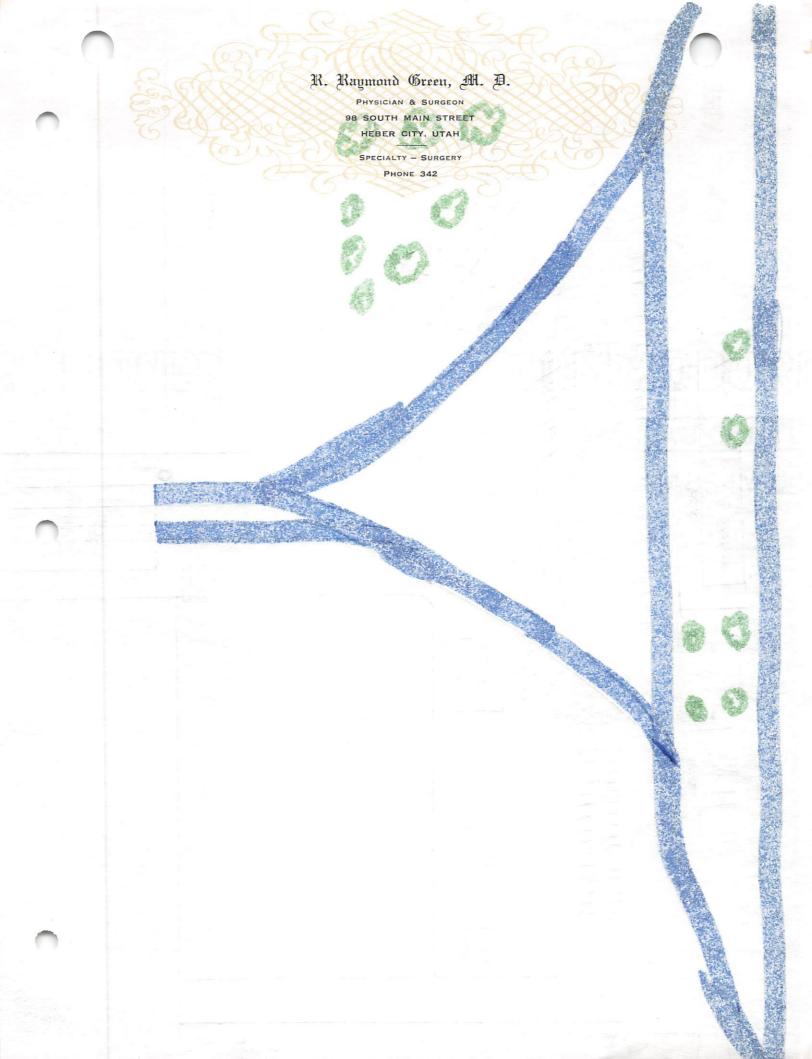
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Thank you for your warm letter regarding the Provo Canyon Railroad Project. I do hope you are sucessful in this pursuit.

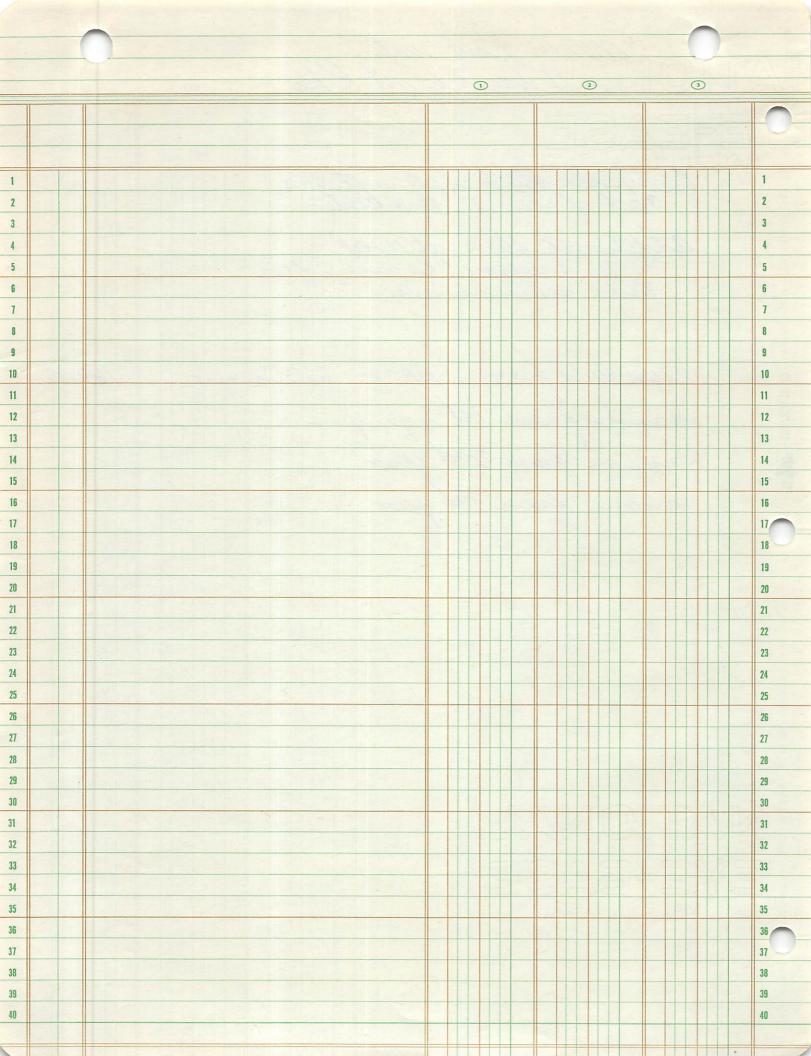
I have asked Bill Bruhn to work closely with you. I know you will call on him if assistance is required. Good luck to you on the venture.

Governor





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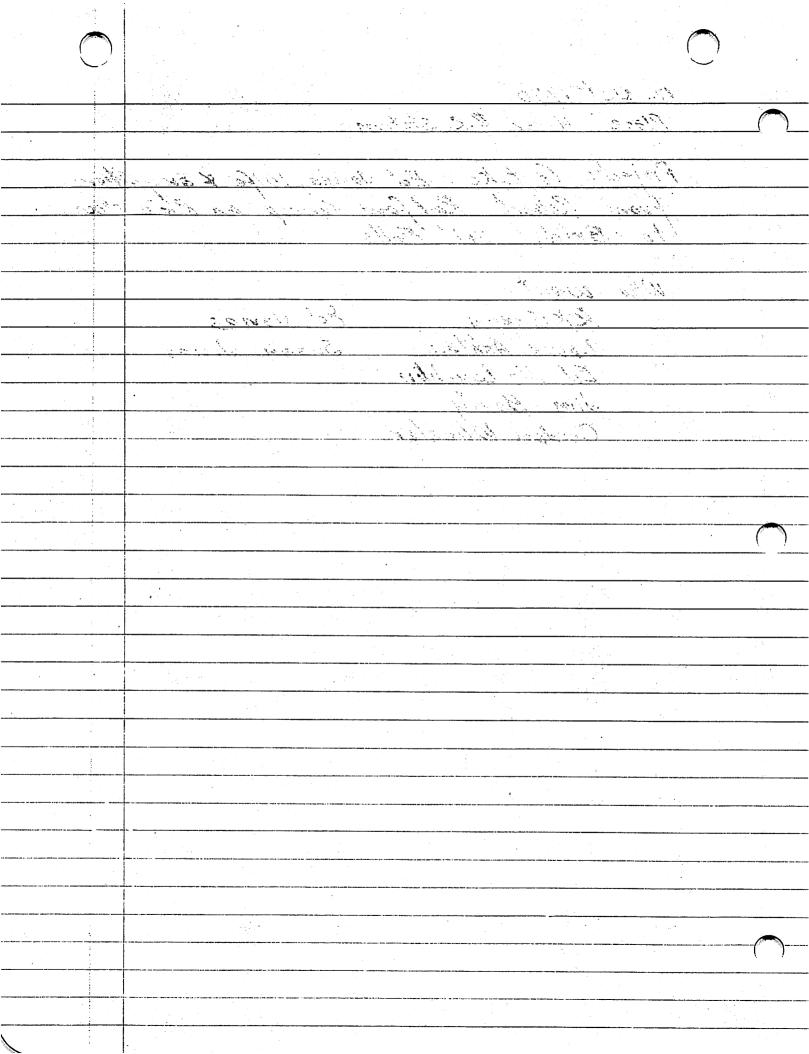
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12 Oct 1970 Place Heber R.R. Station Project: To take Ed Jones, wife & anyothers from Robert Redford Group on Ride down to Bridal Veil Falls Who went; Ed Jones RRGreen Lowe Ashton Susan Jones Ed Mc Laughlin Jim Berry Gordon Wheeler



STANDARD'S EXAMINER

McKay-Dee Hospital patient: "Will I know anything when I come out of the ether?"

Nurse: "That's expecting an awful lot of the anaesthetic!"

Touring the world with the U.S. Navy, Ogdenite Donald M. McKelvie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. McKelvie, paused in Japan long enough to purchase gifts for family members at home

When his brother, Alan, 19, received a long-awaited stereo set he was helped by another brother, Richard, 13, in the excited unpacking.

Richard picked up a news-paper-wrapped, soft, squishy object and held it up.

"Wonder if that's a mouse?" Alan doubted it. But he un-

wrapped it gently. It was not a mouse.

It was a partly-eaten tuna fish sandwich—in a hot dog-type bun-that had been left in the stereo box by the electronics factory packer in faraway Nippon.

Middle-aged Ogden wolf: "Where have you been all my

Slick chick: "Well for the first half of it, I wasn't born."

- * ber Creeper.

up the canyon, from Provo to Heber City, were abandoned many months ago by the Den-ver & Rio Grande Western Railroad. The Utah Highway Department bought the right-ofway for road improvement and planned to junk the tracks and

That's when the Wasatch Railway Museum and Foundation, Inc., got busy.

Members appealed to high-way officials and Gov. Calvin L. Rampton not to pull the thing weighing around six tons. tracks out, since the right-of- It was facing down-canyon. way wouldn't be needed in any Backing, it was pushing a pair portion of the canyon for of section cars scrounged by the months. Most of the way it rail club from around the area. won't ever be used for highway, but was to be retained as a fish-

rector Henry Helland and their and another passenger got on colleagues cooperated. They one of the little cars and away

By Murray M. Moler Associate Editor The Standard-Examiner

at least, to prove the feasibility might step out of the willows. of keeping the line going for tourists.

Mountain State Park and on to a leak. Park City, where it could join We made it up the canyon to the Union Pacific tracks that Deer Creek Reservoir. There, lead to Ogden by way of Coal-ville, Echo and Morgan.

As soon as the state granted As soon as the state granted its permission, the railway Population; Zero. But, as the fans got busy. They own a wide Heber Creeper starts running variety of rolling stock, stored throughout the West. They're starting to move it this way, by way of refitting yards. Most of it won't be in operation until spring, including their five vintage, steam-powered, smoke-puffing locomotives.

Meantime, there is the rightof-way to clear off accumulated underbrush and rocks. So Wasatch members have been spending their weekends and spare evenings as volunteer track gangs.

Trustee Ed McLaughlin Jr., Had a real thrill a weekend member of the city-county planago, tootin' up Provo Canyon on ning staff in Ogden, and Jim a temporary version of the He- Berry, executive director of Golden Spike Empire, Inc., met The regulation-guage tracks us at Bridal Veil Falls. They and their buddies were rolling boulders off the track just below the falls.

"I'll go get Ed and the en-gine," Jim said, hoofing off down the rails.

In a few minutes there came the clanging of a bell and the toot of an air-horn, so deepthroated that it sounded almost tory like a steam whistle of the good old days.

It was a Davenport gasoline-powered switch engine, a little One used to be on the old Bam-

at was to be retained as a fishing trail.

"Would you like to drive?"

And then there's the minister
at the hippie wedding who had
to say, "Whichever of you is

we went. We must admit we got dirty looks from some of the fishermen as we whistled-perhaps too long and too loud-at gave the "Save the Heber spots where pedestrians, know-Creeper" gang until next April, ing the line was abandoned,

At one point we had to stop and put more water in. Backing, Eventually, if it works out, it the engine wasn't cooling propmay be extended to Wasatch erly and an old hose had sprung

> just past the dam, was a siding sign proclaiming we were in next spring and carrying passengers, it could get back on the map

> The attraction of a passenger trail was proven by the waves we got from drivers and other occupants of cars and trucks on the adjacent highway. Everyone looked up and grinned when we responded with a "toot on the horn."

Dennis Spendlove of Ogden, another member of the outfit, gave us a ride back to our own car from a mid-canyon crossing as Ed and Jim tried to cure the engine's overheating

They have a lot of work yet

to do. But, we're sure, they'll have a lot of fun in the process.

And, if the Heber Creeper is a success, maybe, just maybe, there'll come a day when the Wasatch Railway Museum and Foundation, Inc., working with the Promontory Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, can help us restore the old line from Corinne to the Golden Spike site at Promon-

That, too, would be a thrill.

A couple more items from our favorite "minigag" source, the United Transportation Union's weekly bulletin:

Small Boy-"Mommy, what happens to automobiles when they get too old to run?"

Mother—"They sell 'em to your daddy."

the groom may kiss the bride."

When Were Museums Started?

Win The New Book of Knowledge (20 volumes). Send your questions, name, age, address to "Tell Me Why!" care of this paper. Include Zip Code. In case of duplicate questions, the author will decide the winner. Today's winner is: Randy Hensley, 8, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Museums are places where collections of objects are preserved and displayed. The objects may be anything found in nature or made by man. There are museums devoted to art, science, history, industry, and technology.

The word "museum" comes Greek word from the "mouseion", meaning "temple of the Muses". The Muses were

Alexandria, Egypt, in the 3rd century B.C.

The aim of the Museum of Alexandria, as it was known, was to collect information from everywhere that could be of interest to scholars. Scholars lived and did their research there. As the New Book of Knowledge tells us, the museum displayed a collection of objects of art and curiosities that included statues, instruments used in astronomy and surgery, elephant tusks, and hides of unusual animals.

There were many collections that might be called museums between that time and the 19th century, but they belonged to princes and noble families and were not established for the benefit of the people. Even the goddesses of the arts. One of the British Museum, which was first institutions to be called a founded in the middle of the 18th mouseion was founded in century, admitted few people.

It took the French Revolution to open the doors of French museums to everyone. In 1793, during the Revolution, the Republican Government made the Louvre in Paris a national museum.

In the 19th century, for the first time, buildings were specially designed as museums. One of the first buildings in Europe planned as a museum was the Altes Museum in Berlin, Germany. It was constructed in

FUN TIME The Riddle Box

1. Why do we have to go to the moon? 2. Why don't hens have teeth? 3. Why is the Empire State Building so interesting? ANSWERS

1. Because the moon won't come to us. 2. Because they can't afford toothpaste. 3. Because it has so many stories in it.

THE PUZZLE BOX



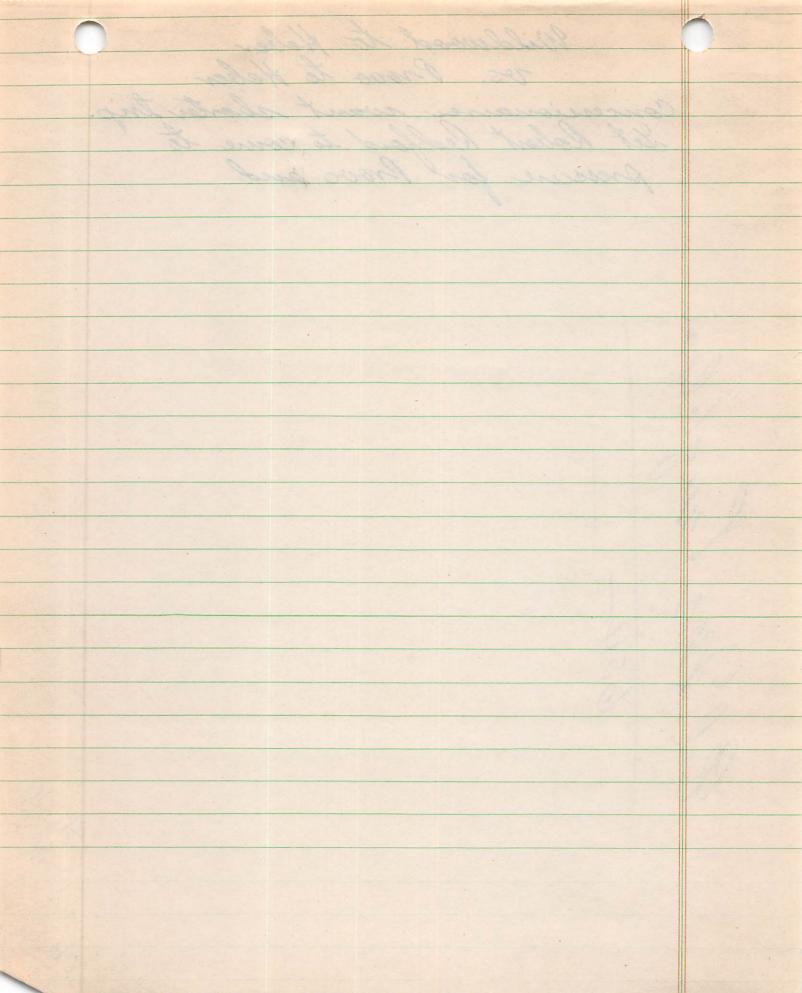
"I'm very fond of my nephew," said Bill to his sister. "I wish I had a nephew," said his sister. How could Bill have a nephew and his sister didn't? See tomorrow's paper for the answer.

Answer to yesterday's Word Puzzle: Snow, Show, Shop, Ship,

Win The New Book of Knowledge Yearbook. Send your riddles, jokes, to:
"Riddles, Jokes; Tell Me
Why!" Give Zip Code.
Today's winner is: Yvette Reynolds, 13, Jamaica, West Indies.



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Monday, October 19, 1970

If It's Difficult, Don't Try!

Perhaps the nation's worst malaise in this era of permissiveness is the growing willingness to surrender to any problem difficult to solve. Old copybook maxims that stood previous generations in good stead—such as, "If at first you don't succeed, try again" are written off as square.

It is difficult to wind down a war and to extricate a half million Americans while preserving the integrity of Free Vietnam. So, some Senators who supported the Americans going there in the first place, urge that we cut and run, in effect, surrender.

President Nixon has kept his goals of peace with honor and American withdrawal from a free Vietnam but no surrender to the invading Communists. And the number of Americans over there has been reduced substantially and withdrawal is going forward steadily.

It is difficult to enforce the laws governing the use of marijuana and

General 'Grunt' Speaks Out

Enlisted man call him the "Four

other drugs. So many voices of users and condoners call for easing legal restrictions, especially for the use of not.

Pornography is another problem difficult to control. So a study commission recommends that we eliminate the problem by saying it doesn't exist and repealing laws which restrict the sale of pornography to consenting adults.

This was too much for Senator John L. McClellan, the doughty Arkansas crime fighter and, thanks to his efforts, the Senate approved a resolution rejecting the commission's report by a vote of 60 to 5. The Administration already had declined to accept the report.

The five who voted against it aren't up for re-election. They include three Democrats, McGovern, Mondale and Young of Ohio, who is retiring, and two Republicans, Case and Javits.

McClellan said the commission wanted to "substitute hedonism for morality," and a cursory glance at current film fare, books and magazines, and stage shows confirms his view.

Senator Gordon Allott of Coloradd applied the epithet of "marshmallow-headed thinking" to the commission. It could be applied as

Editorial Page F

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By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst

"We, the peoples of t

"Determined to save succeeding generations from to scourge of war which twice our lifetime has brought unto sorrow to mankind, and

"To reaffirm faith. . ."
—Opening words of tunited Nations Charter, effetive Oct. 15, 1945.



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All Its Failures, Is Symbol of Hope

The United Nations: Born: San Francisco, June 26, 13, 1970. 1945.

Principal organs: General Assembly, Security Council, Economic and Social Council, Trusteeship Council, International Court of Justice, and the Secretariat headed by Secretary General U Thant.

posed for 1971).

Membership: 127 nations, effect,

including Fiji admitted on Oct.

It has been called the voice of the world's conscience.

Many Ideas

Its glass-encased skyscraper 1953: headquarters sitting like an upended matchbox on the banks of New York's East River has been likened to a beehive, buzzing with ideas but its Budget: \$193,000,000 (pro- inhabitants lacking both the will and the ability to put them into

It is man's hope for perfection in his dealings with his fellow-men. It is as President Dwight D. Eisenhower described it on Sept. 23,

"With all its defects, with all the failures that we can check up against it, (the UN) still represents man's best organized hope to substitute the conference table for the battle-

As crisis has succeeded crisis, the UN frequently has labored under difficulties which its founders did not foresee.

anniversary is Its 25th something like the UN itself, Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin will not attend. President Nixon will give it one day. All but ignored by the superpowers, the anniversary celebration will be something less than hoped, but hope nonetheless remains.

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Bruce Biossat

Taft's Good Bet **But Not a Cinch**



Rep. Robert Taft Jr. looks to be in a strong position to pick up a U.S. Senate seat for the Republicans in Ohio unless a Democratic tide develops in the governorship race and engulfs him.

His opponent, wealthy businessman Howard Metzenbaum, who knocked off ex-astronaut John Glenn in the Democratic primary last May, is a stiff challenger but has been running three points or so behind Taft in most poll tests.

Metzenbaum's chief tactic is to try to link Taft with slackened economic conditions, which he in turn lays at President Nixon's door. But Ohio's unemployment rate has been below the national average, and though it surely will rise with a long General Motors strike (the company has 40,000 workers in the state), there is as yet no convincing evidence this will damage Taft.

Taft's answer to Metzenbaum on the economy is that unemployment generally is around the level it was during most of the Kennedy-Johnson years-until the "wartime boom" touched off by LBJ's large entry into the South Vietnam war brought the jobless rate way down.

Few analysts in the state imagine Taft can be directly hurt, either, by the so-called Republican loan scandal which

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SAVE THE HEBER CREEPER PROJECT:

Oct. 21, 1970:

Telephone Conversation with B,Z. Kastler Mt. Fuel Supply:

Bud has contacted the Irving Bank and Trust Co. (?) New York, to see if they could help us determine the feasibility of this railroad from a private standpoint,

Their reaction was, and apparently the person to whom he was talking was very aware of them, particularly the Stone Mt. Georgia one, that we would have a hell of a time geting public money in the market on this type of venture on a stock issue. The idscount would be prohibitive at this time. Also their experience with Primmte type scenic railroads indicates that they require so darn much land, if they can get it, that they are constantly fighting with State and Federal Agencies on all grade crossings ectra, and the more successfull they become, the more danger there is at crossings, and the State and/or Federal Government makes most of them build expensive over passes to avoid this issue (Comment: Imagine what this would cost at the Midway-Charlston road crossing) also the one over the new Provo Canyon Road some time in the future, we would be forced to acquiese to their demends) Their recommendation, primarly based on the high cost of stock issues at this time and the tremendous difficulties in controling the use of their own right of ways, was that we should go public on the right of way, and probably non-profit on the operation, using the foundation as long as

Bud then thought of the new Utah Law: TRANSIT AUTHORITY ACT passed by the last legislature to allow public ownership of the bus systems in Salt Lake, but designed to prevent it from becoming a political football. If this law were designed correctly and could be adopted to our needs, and we could convience the State Park Commission and the Wasatch County to create their own TRABBIT AUTHORITY, then have State Park people, County People, and some local businessmen to actually run it, you might be able to have a profit making governmental owned operation. As he said "have your cake and eat it too".

We could then issue County General Obligation Bonds to finance it, and pay it with Railroad Revenue, which is exactly like the Airport Authority does it. He are recommends G O Bonds over Revenue Bonds because they are so much cheaper.

Recommends that our Ghamber Attorneys research the new TRANSIT AUTHORITY ACT to see if we can adopt it, and if not, perhaps look into a Transit authority method of financing and get the legislature to amend the bill to fit our needs. Also this might qualify for Federal Funds.

In this way, it is a real business priented operation run under the egress of a public body.

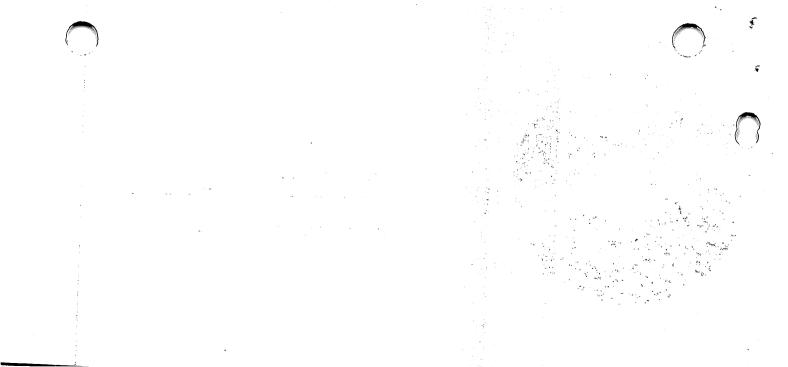
He said that his bank was researching further but that he felt we should check out this method before we did any permanent organization.

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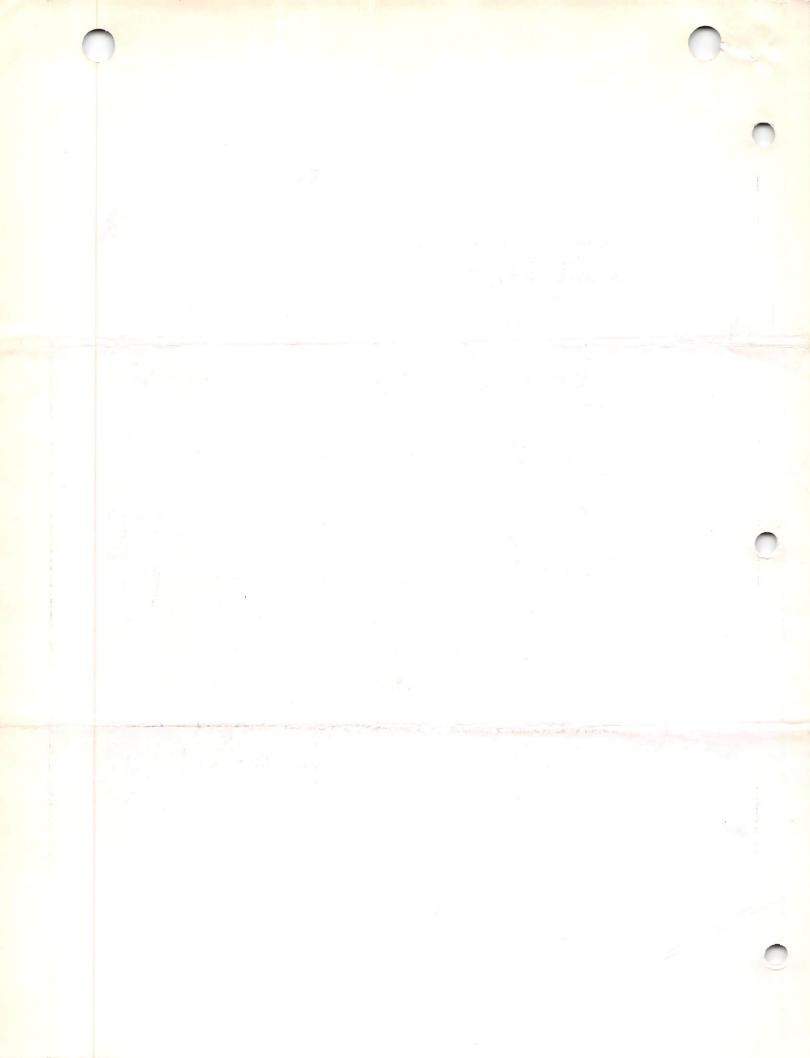
Mr. Lowe Ashton
Ashton Oil Company
Heber, Utah

Dear Lowe:

My New York contact advises that they have checked and find neither a credit rating or any information on Consolidated Research Corporation. They do find that the President of Roaring Camp, Inc., F. Norman Clark, is well regarded, knowledgeable and reputable. However, Roaring Camp started with paid in capital of around \$750,000 and, due to losses, this amount has been reduced to \$500,000. Mr. Clark is considered by some as being "too enthusiastic."

Two articles have treated the subject of scenic or excursion railroads, both having characteristics somewhat similar to the Heber Creeper. These are being sent me and I'll forward them on. One is in the July 25, 1970 issue of Business Week and is entitled "What Hope for the New Hope." The story covers the New Hope and Ivy Land Excursion train which, similar to your Creeper plan, operates over an abandoned portion of the Reading Railroad. They even had the advantage of selling off part of the right of way they acquired for \$190,000, but have been unable, from the start, to pay either principal or interest on loans of \$176,000.

The other article in the travel section of the October II, 1970 New York Times discusses the Warehouse Point, Connecticut Railroad which, again similar to your venture, was started in connection with a Trolley museum.



Ar. Henry C. Helland, Director, Utah State Department of Highways, State Office Bldg. Salt Lake City. Utah

Dear Mr. Aslland.

Our Chamber has reminded as that to this date we have not received a copy of your Expertments commitment to us concerning the use of the rielroad rightofway and trackage between Wildwood and Haber City for a scenic steem railroad.

At the closing of the commission meeting we ask your department for a copy of this resolution and it was premised as soon as it was drafted.

Also, we wrote Ar. Loveless a letter several wasks ago concerning the old storage tanks owned by the Highway Department located on land that I personally bought from the B. & B. G. W. Railroad Co. Your department had expressed the intent to me by letter to remove them as they are not used any longer instruct as this method of receiving asistering road ail is obsolete. We then ask permission to have them instruct as it is approximatly the same type of storage needed for the steam locanotives we intend to use. We would appreciate your departments reaction to this request so that we can examine them to see if they might fill our needs.

In closing, say I take a sement to personally congratulate your department on the fine engineering job that was done on the new section of Highway 40 brom the bridge over Starvation Resevoir to the Tablona junction. Yesterday was my first trip to Vernal in some time, and the new road itself, the scenic turnouts, and particularly the removal of the old road bed, and the preparation of the cuts and fills and sholders of this strip of Highway are the best I have ever seen. I think you have done a darn fine job and are to be commended.

Very truly yours,

Save the Heber Creeper Camulttee

Low Ashton, Chairman.

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Sat 24 Oct 1970 Where Hub Cafe Who Gordon Mendenhall, Lowe Ashton, Harry Mc Millan, Ed. M. McLaughlin, Pres de H. Call, R. Raymond Green Jay Rodney Edwards, Leon Ritchie whater it in succe. This will with attache till attache Done: Discussion as to what financial step to take to get this off the ground Private VS. Public, and Temperary VS. Termanelt. We need blessing of City, County, & Chamber Heber Light & Power (Horry McMillan) will loan 5000= soon. Leon, Lowe, Dr. G 1000'en. Final Becisioni Motion by Gordon Mendenhall to establish an Executive Committeeof: Dr.B.R. Green Leon Ritchie, Lowe Ashton and Edward M. Mc Laughlin Motion 2nded by J.H. Call. Voting unanamous. First thing : Lowe Ashtan hired Ed. M. Mc Laughlin full time Executive Sectetary and hired SHCall to draw up draft of Articles of incorporation All members of Chamber of Commerce to be given 1st Chance to form an organization. Next Meeting next Tues.

Ld. M. Mc Laughlin went to Sundance.

Jay Rodney Edwards went down to dam to bring back Switch Engine Rain + Snow!

25 Oct 1970 2:30 AM. Dr Green Copied all Letters 4 Notes of Lowe Ashton & placed in date Sequence in Heber Creeper Log Book. 4100 AM Went thru whole log & picked out names of interested people who Could help finance this venture till State Park Concessioners could take it over Also Dr. G. Began to outline subsections of this Book -Financially Responsible People Promotion Ideas List of Now Projects Technical Problems of Track Mice & Repair Engine and Rail car technology. Government Agencies to help us. Stock Issue Ideas Future Development Plans Legger of Pledged Monies It seems urgent that someone from the Museum Group attend the 31 Oct + INOV 70 Meeting in Lancaster Pennsylvania - Workshop on Steam Train Recreation operations

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